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re Application of

Davide A. Beck

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MEMBRANE IN A PAPERMAKING MACHINE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	24	MINUS	24	0	x \$ 9 x \$18	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	MINUS	4	5	x \$42 x \$84	420.00
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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

Attached hereto as "ATTACHMENT A" is a marked-up copy showing the changes made to the above-identified patent application by the present Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 22 for original claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 22:

1. (Amended) A method of cleaning a semipermeable membrane, said semipermeable membrane being configured for carrying a fiber web, said method comprising the steps of: providing a cleaning fluid:

applying said cleaning fluid on said semipermeable membrane;

providing an air press, said air press being configured for carrying said semipermeable membrane therethrough and removing water from said fiber web, said air press having pressurized air therein;

conveying said semipermeable membrane through said air press; and

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